TO:

City of Santa Barbara

Parks and Recreation Department

402 E. Ortega Street

Santa Barbara, California 93101

FROM:

Peter Hornemann

320 Cooper Road

Santa Barbara, California 93109

RE:

Ltr dated 11/29/2010 (attached)

Ltr dated 1/27/2011 (attached)

2/3/2011

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

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PARK & RECREATION PARKS DIVISION

I wish to appeal your decision regarding the removal of a tree from my property located at 320 Cooper Road. I have spoken with my neighbor Irene A. Toll concerning your decision and she is concerned, as I am that this tree's further growth will continue to damage her brick wall (see picture). My concern is also that my utilities are underground along the path of the base of the tree. Electrical, telephone and Cable TV are beneath the base roots. I am concerned that further damage to these utilities could happen at any time. I have had to replace the cable tv feed already. A outage of the electrical could also occur and would be very costly to repair. I am a retired and disabled American war veteran and any interruption of these underground services would cause a extreme hardship and could be financially devastating. My neighbor, Irene, is also concerned that the damage to her brick wall will continue and result in a financial hardship to repair it. She is 88 years old and lives alone at 312 Cooper Road..

I can understand that if a tree is standing in a yard is not impacting anything, I would also be in favor of keeping it. This tree on the other hand is causing damage to my property and my neighbors property which could result in a financial hardship to both of us.

Please reconsider your determination and allow the removal of the tree.

If the city will assume financial and other liabilities for any present and future damage that has or may arise from the continued presence of the tree, I will no longer argue in favor of the tree's removal.

Peter Hornemann

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